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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
TREATING A DESIRED AREA IN THE
VASCULAR SYSTEM OF A PATIENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992,
1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to
documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be
material to the examination of this application. Copies of the
references are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is
equivalent to the subject invention.

The citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be
construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not
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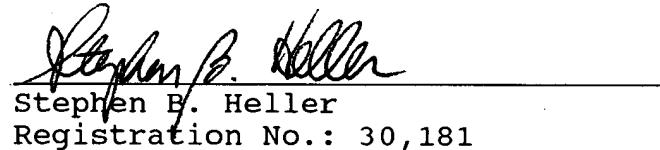
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particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

A first office action, notice of allowance or issue fee notification has not been received in this case, so Applicant does not believe that a fee is due. However, if any such fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

Respectfully submitted,



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